

Jedediah S. Smith was the first American to enter

the state. This remarkable trapper-explorer is known

to have crossed the southern tip of Nevada in 1826

en route to California. He returned east the following

year on an incredibly difficult journey across central

John C. Fremont came down from Oregon into Ne-

crossed the Sierra Nevada south of Carson Pass and

vada in 1843, discovered and named Pyramid Lake,

in this area sighted Lake Tahoe which he named Lake Bonpland. His return from California brought him

across southern Nevada in 1844 over the old Spanish

Other existing cities and places

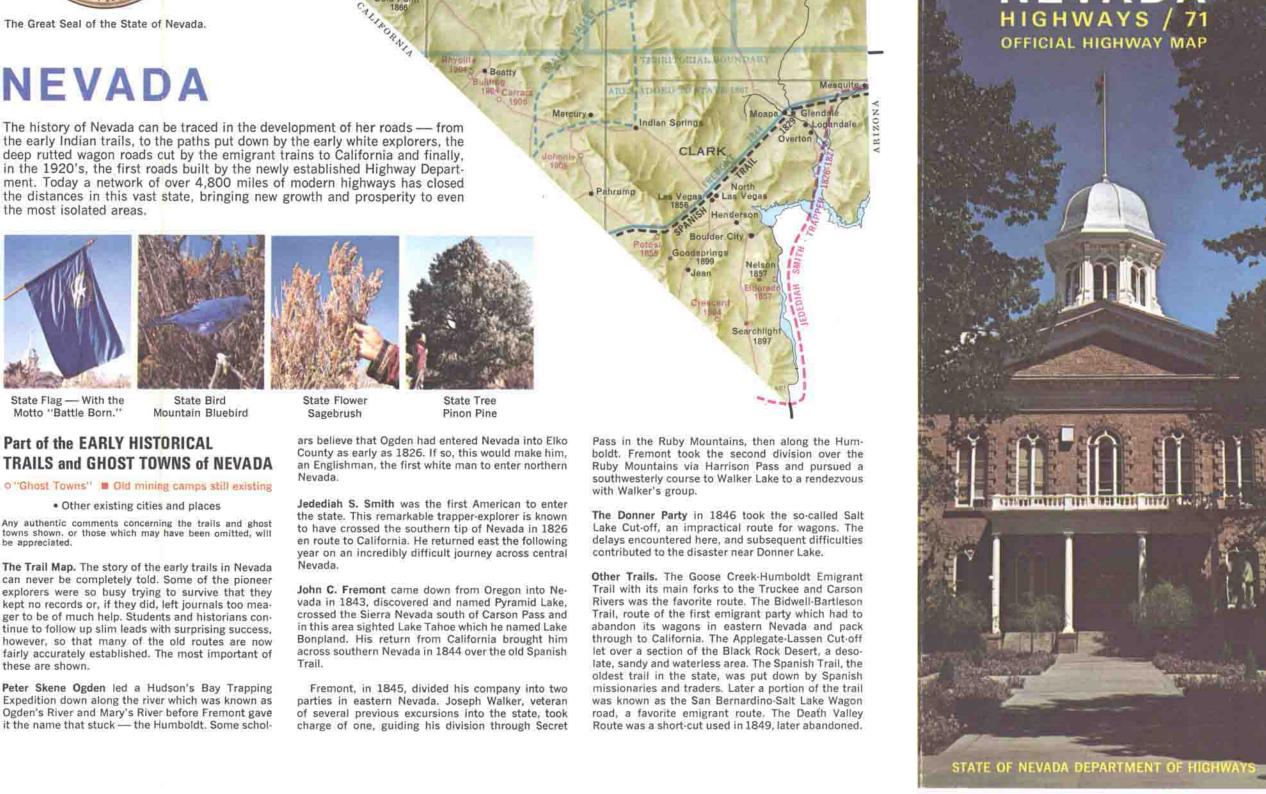
kept no records or, if they did, left journals too mea-

ger to be of much help. Students and historians con-

tinue to follow up slim leads with surprising success.

Peter Skene Ogden led a Hudson's Bay Trapping

it the name that stuck — the Humboldt. Some schol-



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